follow the 40-Point roster prescribed by Government to ensure reservation in promotion for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees;

(b) if so, what remedial measure Government propose to take to rectify the injustice caused to be caused for not following the roster by the Reserve Bank; and

(c) whether Government propose to rectify the injustice in the matter by advising the Bank to follow the rosters from the date on which the Bank introduced its scheme i.e. effective from 1st July, 1976 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that it is maintaining 40 Point Roster for promotions for Class-I Posts and 100 Point Roster in case of Class-III and Class IV Posts.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India has been advised to maintain 40-Point Rosters for all promotion to which the reservations apply.

Agencies engaged in controlling water pollution

3858. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing menace of water pollution in Delhi and other big cities; if so what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the names of voluntary and Government agencies which are at present engaged in the task of controlling water pollution in the country and what are their main functions; and

(c) what is Government's assessment of the performance of Government/voluntary agencies in controlling water pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS : (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is water pollution in some cases mainly due to inadequate treatment of sewage discharged from municipalities ad effluents from water polluting industries.

(b) The major Governmental agencies involved in the control of water pollution include the Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Boards, Municipalities, Public Health authorities, etc. Also several voluntary agencies all over the country are involved in creating environmental awareness about pollution.

(c) The Central/State Pollution Control Boards have taken various measures for control of water pollution, such as directing the industries, municipalities etc. for construction of effluent treatment plants and to conform to the prescribed standards. Legal action is taken against the defaulters under the relevant Acts. The voluntary agencies have generated greater public awerness in control of water pollution.

Implementation of Orders Regarding Rounding of Money transactions

3859. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently issued orders for rounding of money transactions to the nearest rupee; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) Whether the above orders are not being followed in the private sector as well as in Government Undertakings like nationalised bank and Indian Oil Corporation which is causing great hardship to the consumers in the context of shortage of small coins which are not in circulation; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take for the implementation of the above orders in all sectors of trade and commerce.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have issued instructions regarding rounding of the payment and receipts arising out of Government transactions to the nearest rupee These instructions apply to the payment of salary, deductions from salaries and all claims on Government by utility institutions like Electricity Boards/Corporations etc. These instructions have not been extended to the private sector or the public sector undertakings. No proposal regarding issue of such instructions to these authorities is under consideration of the Government.

Development of a Free Port in the Country

3860. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision regarding the development of a free port in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Steel Scrap from USSR

3861. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given permission or propose to give permission the import of larger tonnage of steel from the USSR and other countries;

(b) if so, whether these steel scraps will be imported against rupee payment and if not, what will be the arrangements with the countries from which these scraps will be imported; and

(c) what are the reasons for such large scale imports when steel scraps are available in abudance in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government have allowed import of scrap by MSTC from USSR and other countries. The quantum of imports will be determined by total demand, indigenous scrap availability and the allocation of foreign exchange. A portion of the imports from USSR, amounting to approximately 0.5 million tonnes, will be imported against Rupee Payment. The balance would be imported from other countries.

(c) Metal scrap available in the country is not adequate to meet our requirements.